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1. RE PARA 5 REFTEL A AND PARA 2 OF UNHCR PRESS RELEASE
CONTAINED REF. B FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE DESPATCHED MAY 8
BY UNHCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN TO SOME THIRTY GOVERNMENTS.
QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE SERIOUS SITUATION
CREATED BY THE ARRIVAL IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF LARGE NUMBERS
OF PEOPLE FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR COUNTRY OF
ORIGIN IN RECENT WEEKS AND WHOSE TOTAL NUMBER CAN BE ESTIMATED
AT WELL OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS. FURTHERMORE,
CAMBODIANS IN SMALLER NUMBER HAVE ALSO RECENTLY LEFT THEIR
COUNTRY AND ARE TO BE FOUND IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.
ADMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ON A
TEMPORARY BASIS ONLY AND THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE
THSE COUNTRIES VERY SOON.

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THESE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS, SINGLE PERSONS AND

FAMILY GROUPS, REQUIRE DURABLE RESETTLEMENT IN A COUNTRY WHERE THEY COULD START A NEW LIFE AND BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REPRESENTATIVES OF MY OFFICE ARE NOW ACCESSING THE MAGNITUDE AND COMPOSITION OF THE CASELOAD IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE AT PRESENT. I SHALL COMMUNICATE THE RESULTS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

IN ORDER TO ENABLE ME TO FIND THE SOLUTIONS IN THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION, SHOULD VOLUNTARY REPARATION NOT BE POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S INFORMING ME A MATTER OF URGENCY HOW MANY OF THESE PEOPLE YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT FOR DURABLE RESETTLEMENT. ON THE BASIS OF YOUR REPLY, WHICH I TRUST WILL BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WELL-ESTABLISHED HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY, MY OFFICE WILL PRESENT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

2. MISSION ENDEAVORING TO SECURE FROM UNHCR LIST OF GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH ABOVE MESSAGE SENT. WILL REPORT SEPTTEL. ABRAMS

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